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To: Peter DeVries, Council Chair

RE: Comments on proposed changes to State Energy Code

I'm a 4th generation general contractor who has been doing residential remodeling and building new homes since 1983. Over the past week I have reviewed the 2009 proposed changes to the Washington State Energy Code.

I strongly support the proposed changes to the State Energy Code. Both the specific changes in the code and the intended level of improved efficiency to homes from this changes I think make good sense. I believe the resulting reduction in the life-cycle cost of homes will benefit the consumer and are an important step in reducing the our state's energy consumption and resulting green house emissions. I believe the increased initial cost of homes resulting in these changes will not adversely effect the housing market.

For the past several years my company has already been provinding our customers with homes that exceed the levels of energy efficiency that are outlined in these proposed changes to the code. We have found it to be a good and successful business pratice to provide our customers homes with a reduced life-cycle cost though improved energy efficiency.

For 09-140-Chapter 9, Options 6, 7. Home Size. I suggest that what is proposed be changed to homes less than 1500 sf one additional measure is required. Homes that are 1550 to 2500 sf require 2 additional items. For Home that are 2500 to 3500 sf 3 additional items are required. For homes that are greater than 3500-6000 sf 4 additional items are required. And homes over 6000 sf have 5 additional items required. Bigger homes should be required to be significantly more energy efficient than small ones.

I support the proposed changes efforts to reduce the air leakage in homes as a highly affordable and measurable means to improve residential energy efficiency. I suggest the code include more of the technical standards for reducing air leakage as outlined in the "Building Perfomance Institute Technical Standards for Certified Shell Specialists."

Thank you for the oppurtunity to comment on these proposed changes.

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